IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Raymond L. Houghton et al.

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AND MONITORING OF BREAST CANCER

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2007, please extend the period of time for response two months, to expire on March 18, 2008. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and authorization for payment of the requisite fee.

No Amendments to the Claims are made at this time. A listing of the pending claims is provided for convenience, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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